Warren

Michigan History Thru Pictures

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What is Important about History?
It gives us valuable knowledge that we can learn from.

We gain perspective, which is what things are,
in relation to other things.

And hopefully we learn from mistakes made in the past so we don't repeat them.

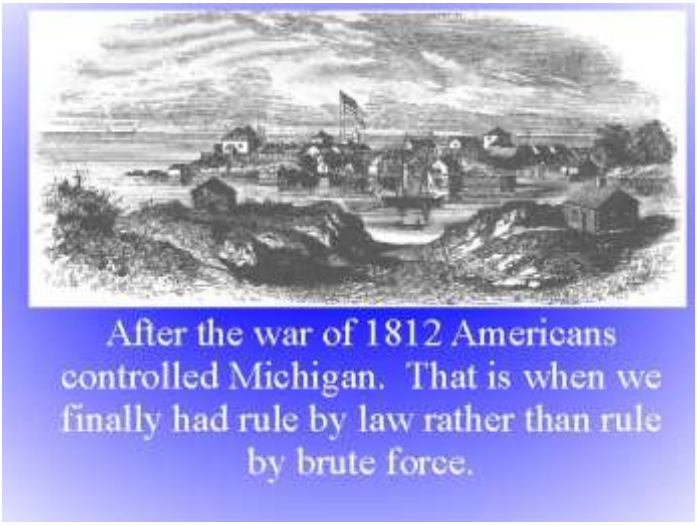
The Universe started perhaps **14 Billion** years ago
Our Sun ignited 5 Billion years ago.
The Earth was formed 4.5 Billion years ago.
Bacteria began about 1 Billion years ago.
Corals were around 700 Million Years ago
Fish 500 Million Years ago
Insects 400 Million Years ago
Reptiles and Dinosaurs 300 Million Years ago
Birds 200 Million Years ago
Mammals 170 Million Years ago
Flowers and Bees 100 Million Years ago
But Humans about only 300 Thousand Years ago
So, humans are a very recent happening.

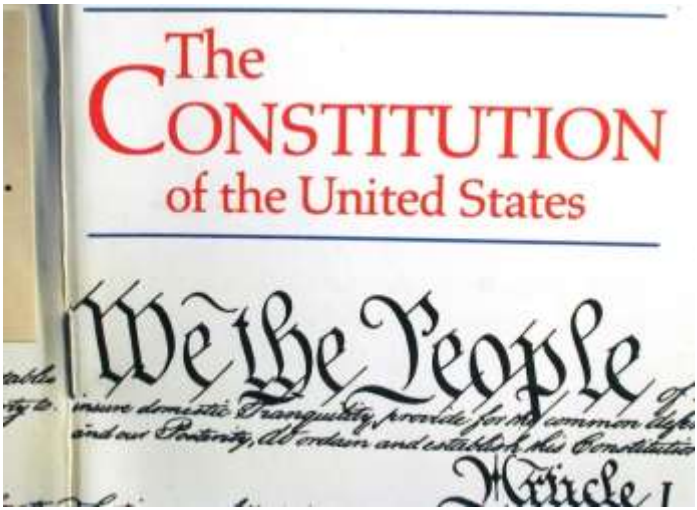
Our city sets on a 20- to 30-mile-thick plate that floats on top of hot molten semi solid plasma.
Our Michigan plate has been floating around the earth for millions of years and has been over the equator which made our climate very hot. It has been over the poles, so the climate was very cold. And as it is now in a temperate zone, so we have nice weather and livable temperatures.

There have been hundreds of species of wild animals that lived here and many became extinct such as the dinosaurs.

Our area was abounding in wildlife which lived in the forests lakes and creeks and rivers.

Warren looked like this for the last 10,000 years.
The French arrived in the 1600s and to Detroit in 1701.





Americans formed a Government with a Constitution which protects our Rights.

Most of the local Indians died from European diseases or left. Some were buried in the Bunert Indian Cemetery over by Macomb College which was partly a mound that was loaded onto trucks and used around the area for fill dirt without being explored and documented. Historian Professor Wesley E Arnold did major research on Warren history and cemeteries.
The Indians warred often and were very cruel to prisoners. They were cheated out of their land then forced out along the trail of tears. Many Indians tried to live peacefully and get along but were often slaughtered by violent Americans.

Trees had to be cut down to clear the ground for crops.

At first crops had to be planted between the tree stumps. This was called stump farming.

Notice the big pot outside/

The pioneers settled here from Able Warren to north in 1824 on and immigration continues to the present. Pioneers had to build shelters, cut down the trees, break the ground, plant crops and build everything else by hand, including all buildings. With time the rough stump farms became improved farms with frame houses from the sawmills. Farming was the main occupation until World War II. Farms declined until they were gone after the 1970s. Horses were replaced by automobiles and trucks. Below shows a load of logs. No this is not a joke. They put a little water just before the runner and it froze making ice which would enable the horses to pull very heavy loads.

The forests became fields.

10 Mile and Van Dyke area.

All houses and cabins eventually had outhouses but on cold nights with wolves around, the chamber pot was used. (Not for cooking.) Wolves can pack up and take down even a big Bison.

Actually, Cougars usually avoided humans, especially ones with dogs with good reason. But wolves killed livestock and humans.

Log cabins were usually much smaller than this one.

Once a good fireplace was built, pots could be hung over a fire. But fireplaces were smoky and cabins dark as there was no electricity for lights.

Barrels were the most widely used storage and transportation tool. A barrel was shaped the way it was to seal things in making them watertight and to allow them to be rolled and steered by pivoting them. Most things were made from wood and other natural materials

Corn cob stopper. Many things were made from clay.

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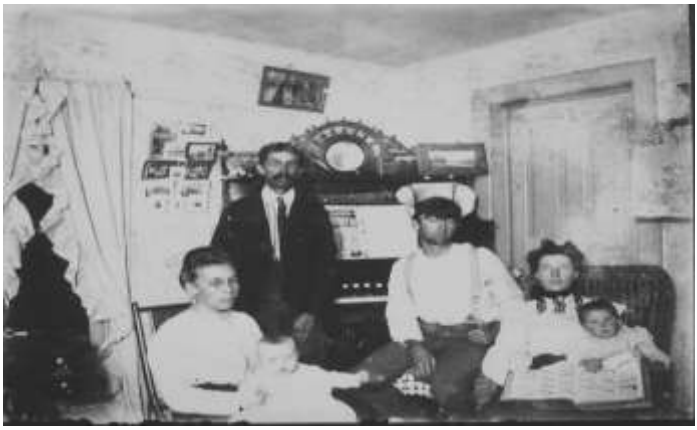
At first humans piled up soft grass dried into straw later they stuffed animal skins with it. Beds used ropes with mattresses stuffed with soft materials, feathers and down.

Stoves are much more efficient than fireplaces. Water was obtained from wells and rainwater.

Riding, wagons or buggies was how people got around.

Big families were common because children were needed to help with the farm work.



Notice the pedal organ in the back. Music was much enjoyed as there was no TV, radio or phones. Below is a Warren farm. Fences were needed to keep the livestock from wandering away.

Cows needed to be milked twice a day. Because there was no refergeration extreme care had to be taken in handlingthe milk. Many people died of “Summer Complaint” which was very painful severe abdominal inflamation causing diarrhea. Fences often needed repair, and pens cleaning.

Farm Animals had to be fed, housed and looked after daily. They provided income, transportation, clothing and food.

Fresh fish dinner from local lakes and ponds/

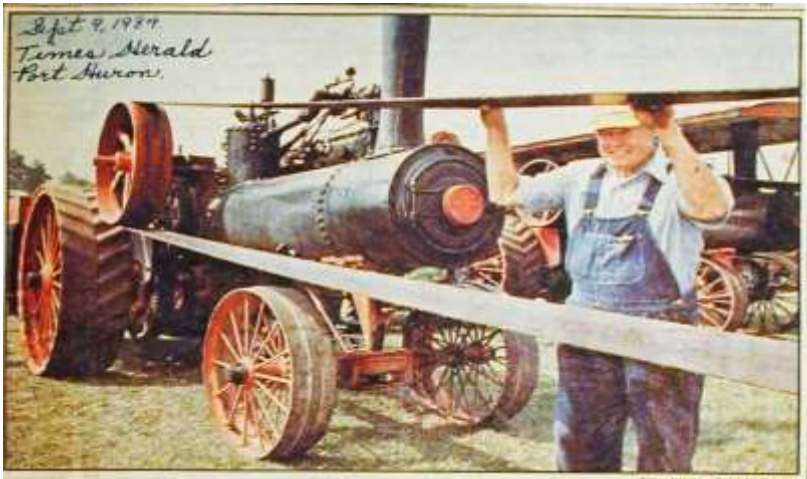
Harvesting Bees, Quilting Bees, Barn Raisings, Picnics, Singing Bees and visiting neighbors were common events.
After harvesting machinery was available harvesting took less time and needed fewer people.

HARVESTING WAS
DONE BY HAND THEN
BY HORSE MACHINERY

1880-1918 STEAM TRACTORS
HAD WIDE USE

Steam tractors could do heavy work. By 1920 most of them had been retired in favor of gasoline tractors.

CO-OP THRESHING PARTY
PRE 1900
Warren, Michigan



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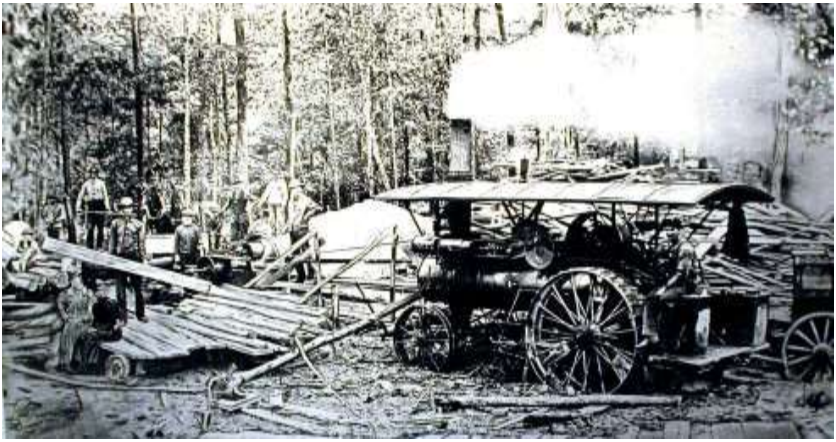


Sawing wood was a common, needed business.

Miller's Tavern on dirt Van Dyke at Harding

William LeRoy was our last blacksmith. Located on Van Dyke just north of 10 Mile. Blacksmiths made many needed items from thick iron like horseshoes, potholders etc. Tinsmiths made things from thin metal like pots, buckets etc.

FRED LUTZ
WAGON MAKING & BLACKSMITHING

Mr & Mrs MATT BERGER 1890
CHICAGO RD W OF MOUND
WARREN MI

Matthias Berger and wife in front of Buechel House which was also the Buchel store.

Inside the store

How laundry was done.

Before the ice box food was dried, pickled, canned.

Mound at Davy Road (now Chicago Road)

Mound Road at Chicago Road c 1890
Downtown Warren Village

In 1900 the population of Warren Township was 2567.
In 1920 Warren had 23 businesses.

There were hundreds of fields of many different crops including corn, beans, wheat, cabbage, rye, oats, clover etc.

Here is the Red Run (Run means creek) with cows grazing. Mose of our area looked like this for almost 100 years.

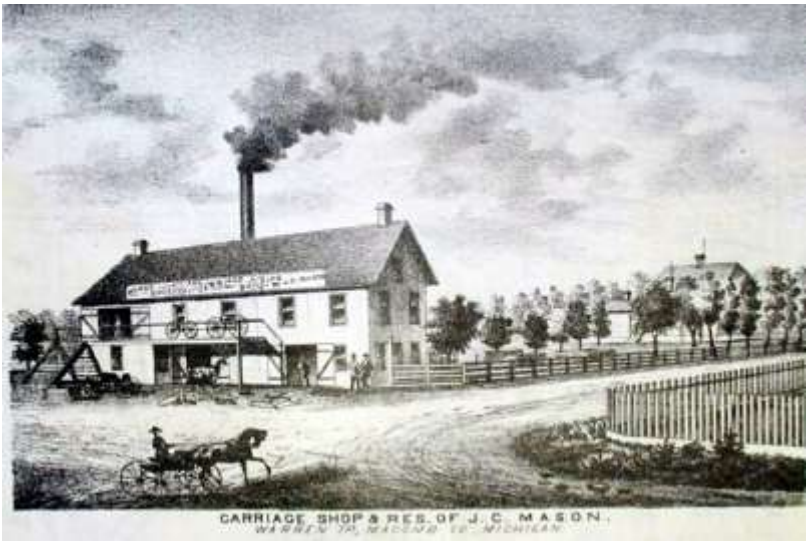
Clothing was made from wool, flax, animal hides and furs before it was cheaply available in stores. If the family did not have a spinning wheel they used a drop spindle. Below

The spun threads was called yard and was made into clothing by either a loom as above or by knitting.

Women customarily wore long skrts and dresses in the 1800s

Horses were used with decreasing frequency through the 1940s. There is only one riding stable Palco's Hobby Horse Stable may be still accepting horses in Warren on 11 Mile .

Before trucks, and vans this was how things got transported.



The Mason brothers had several businesses and became rich. But that did not stop a childhood illness from taking a son's life. Before modern medicine many children died of diseases we now have vaccines and cures for. Horses brought you ice and coal. Electricity came in around 1900 followed a few years later by gas.

In winter sleds were used and people skated on the creeks.

There was no piped in water, gas or electricity. All farms had wells and many added a wind mill to save time and energy by filling up a barrel and water trough for the animals.

Grand parents worked very hard usually from dawn until dusk. There was no electricity or power equipment, only horse power. Horses were part of the family as they had to be cared for, fed, groomed, doctored, stalls cleaned daily. And to use them they had to be caught, harnessed and the bit put in.

Older children and women often had their own horses.

Dad, can I borrow the buggy.

Doctor Flynn family Warren area had over the years several doctors but medical knowledge and care was very poor in the 1800s and early 1900s.
Below a family and their vehicle

Bunert farm above and across the dirt road was the sawmill.

Here is a steam engine going down Bunert. This one ran the saw mill to the left.

Dirt roads became seas of mud in wet weather so several local roads were planked. That meant that planks were laid on top of beams to create a smooth road. But after some years went by the planks rotted developing big holes which broke wagon wheels. Loaded wagons took precidence over empty wagons which had to take the dirt lane. The State road now Sherwood was so bad that buggies and wagons would get stuck when road was wet so a wood rail, railroad was built next to it using horse drawn rail car. Irion rails followed with steam engines.

Above is Bunert. Gravel roads were much better although they gradually became rough and needed to be graded yearly using a special vehicle called a road grader.

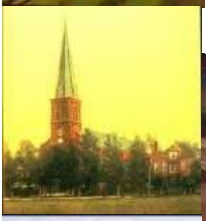
Above a wood burner below coal burner. This was how long distance travel was done after 1860

The old Wilson mill became the Warren Co-op where farmers could sell their crops. It also sold feed, coal and other supplies for the farmers.

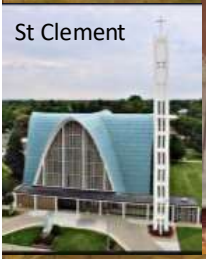
Farming is a tough weather and government dependent occupation and was the main occupation in America until after World War One. Now less than 2% of Americans are farmers.

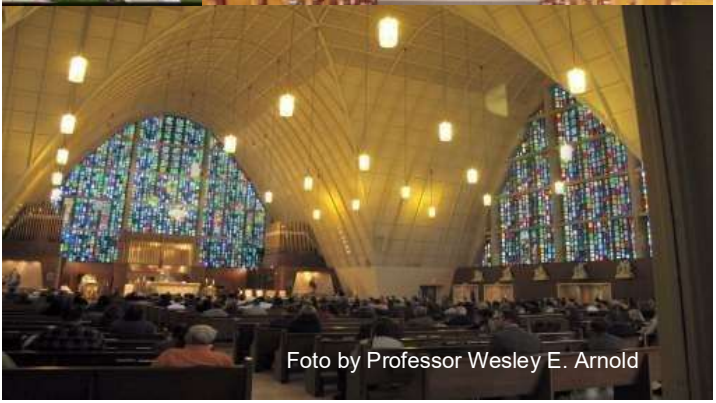
The first school and church in Warren was actually a log cabin at Ryan and Chicago Road similar to this with uncomfortable wood benches.

Oldest church in Warren was M.E. now Baptist



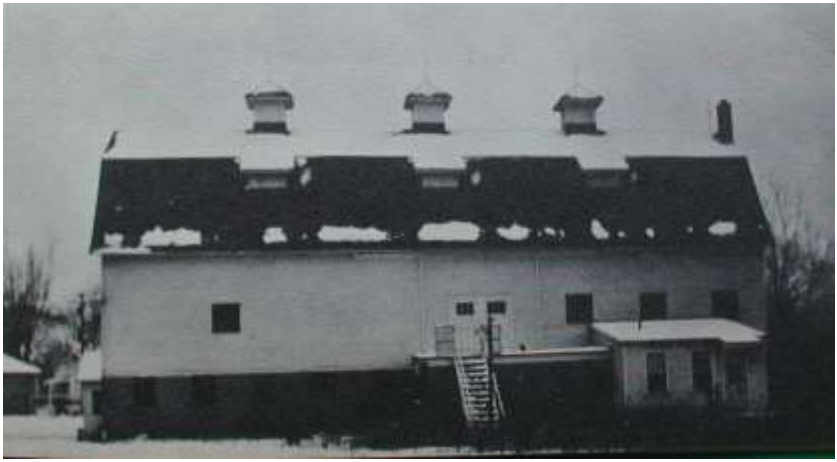
St Clement above 1850

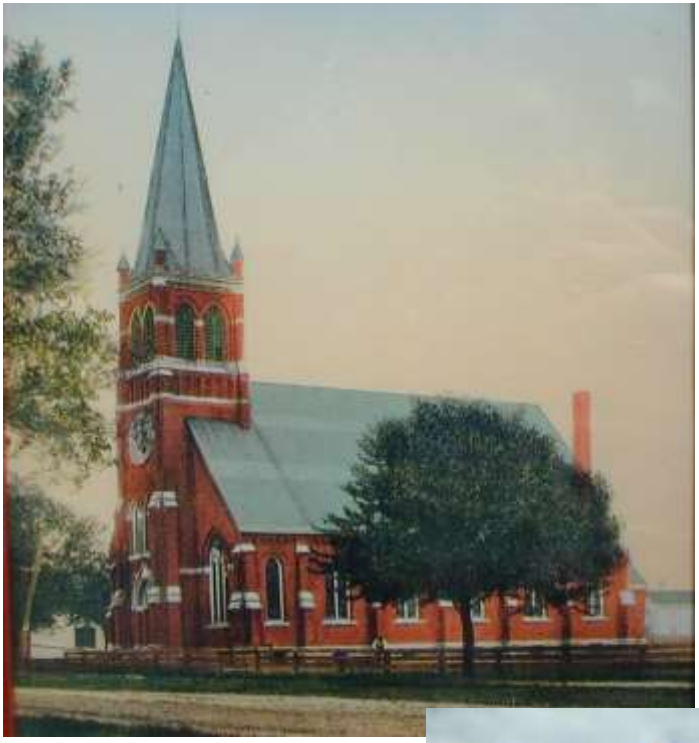




Little Center Line Baptist began in homes, built a basement on Konczal at Automobile and grew into huge Redeemer Baptist now Woodside on Hoover N of 11. Wonderful people.

St Anne started using the village barn.



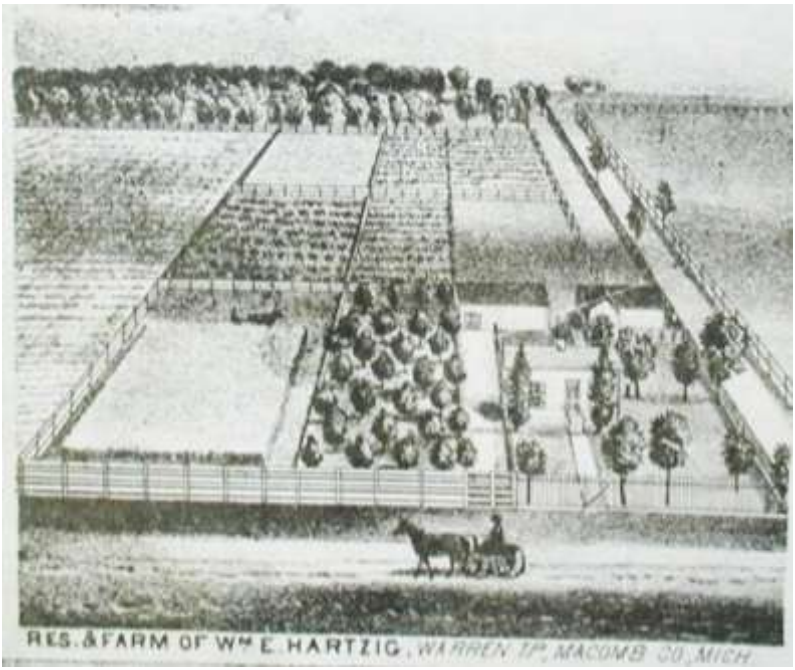


St Paul Church on Mound in Warren Village
Steeple hit by lightning burned.

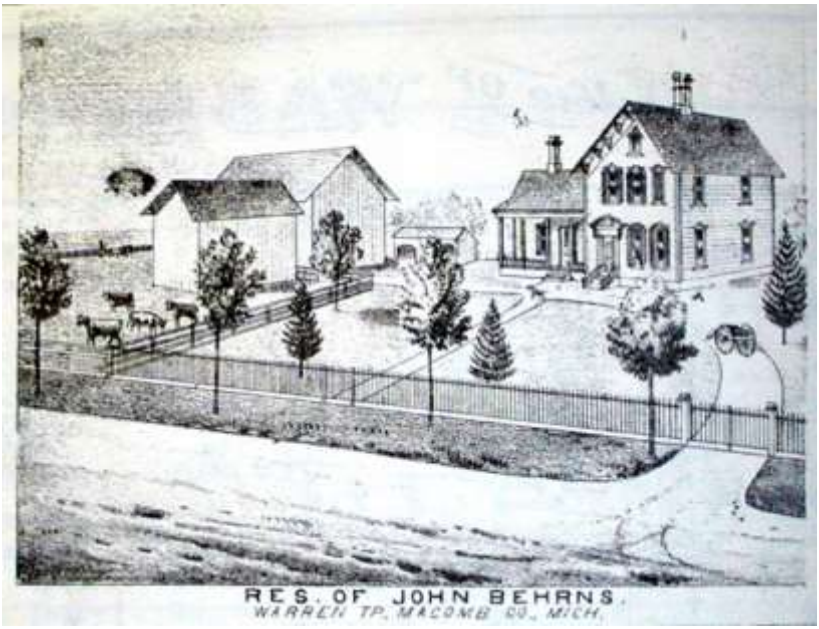
Most churches had wonderful organs people enjoyed. Christian churches taught love one another and be Kind Do Good.

There were several one room schools built in the 1800s in which one teacher taught 6-8 grades. Few books, overcrowded, under staffed, yet kids learned more and better than present students of same grades because their parents insisted they learn and the older ones also taught the younger ones. See the 8th grade test from then. Very few graduates today can pass it. See it in my history book.

Historian Professor Wesley E. Arnold stated the Classic Ellis School is a Jewell and its top now unused floor could be a good place for nearly free local history storage and archives.



Farms had orchards and other special areas.



The house is still there on 10 Mile west of Mound

Main Street, (Van Dyke) Center Line. Steeple of the new church built in 1880 can be seen.

After autos came in in the early 1900s, because of unpaved roads, cries echoed throughout the land
"Get a horse!"

Planked road
RES. OF F E. GROSEBECK.
WARREN TP. MACOMB CO., MICH.

The Halmich Farm on the northeast corner of Twelve Mile and Mound, present site of General Motors Technical Center.

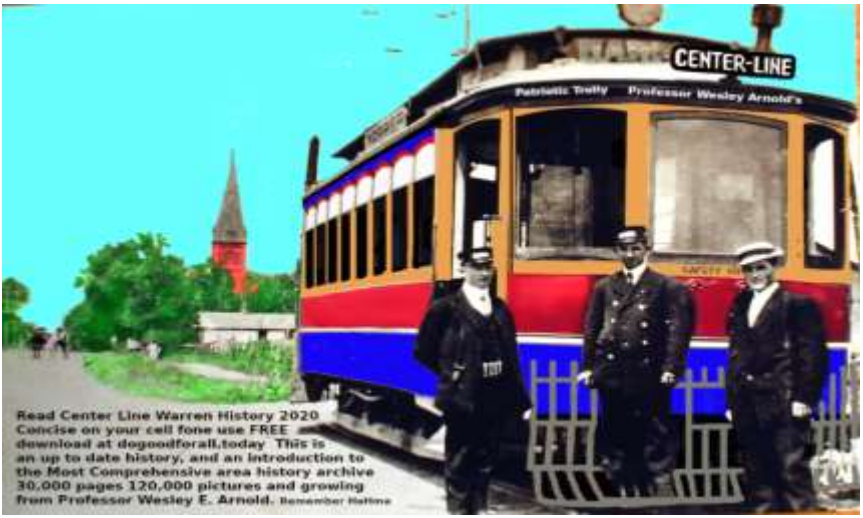
WARREN VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Front Row, left to right: Leo W. Roth, John M. Taylor, George F. Shoop, Chief; Ernest J. Steffens, Don R. Cockerline, Floyd L. Rickabush.
Back Row, left to right: Clifford R. Cockerline, Merton A. Lyons, Raymond S. Lutz, Jack Eckstein.

Both fire and police departments grew from one person with no equipment to many persons with much advanced equipment.

Ryan Road

This is Ryan road around 1940. Notice the big ditch. These were used to drain the roads. Later Warren put in sewers.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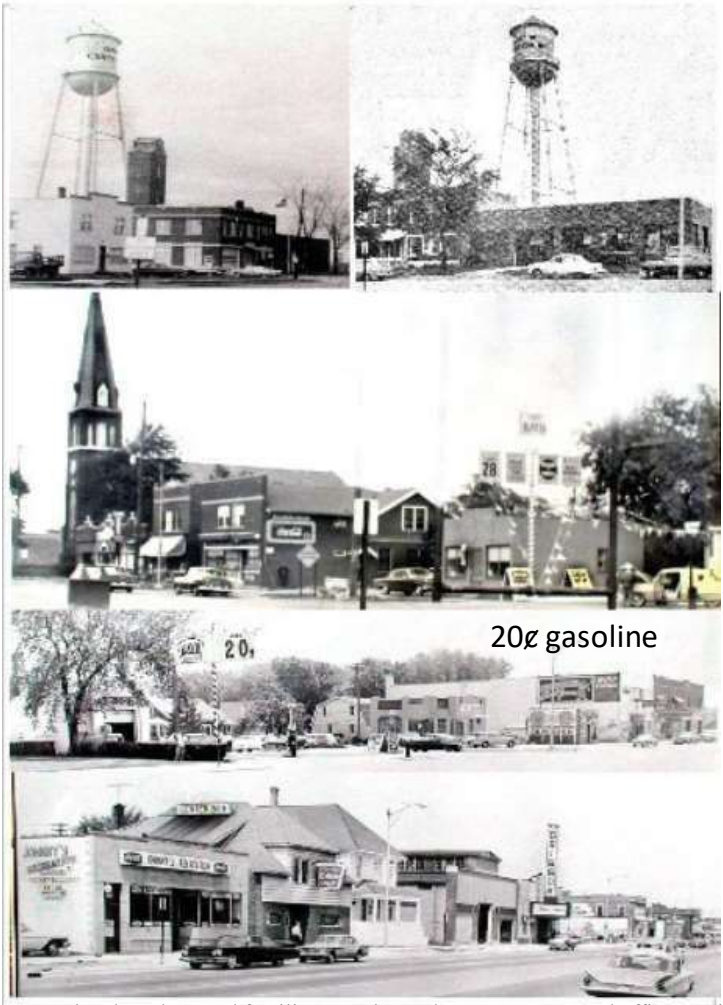


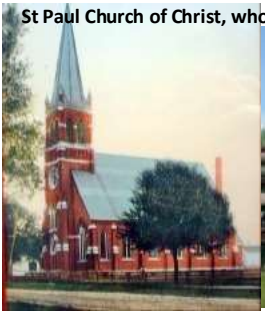
Many local workers and families were hurt when corp CEOs and officers paid themselves millions while selling off companies. Officers neglected their duty to their loyal workers. Many families suffered because of this greed. No CEO or other officer of an organization should be allowed to receive more than 10 times the rate of the lowest paid worker. 63

Electricity came in in the early 1900s and so did our wonderful trolleys along Van Dyke. They ran to just north of 10 Mile and turned around by a loop. Lasted until c 1930.

Harold LaDoucoco's Ice Cream Parlor, Warren Sweet Shop, Bank, Post Office & Telephone Exchange, Peck's General Store
Above was downtown Warren Village.

Looking south on Mound at Chicago Road On left hotel, Moore Store, walk lamp, on west side bank, post office, Peck Store

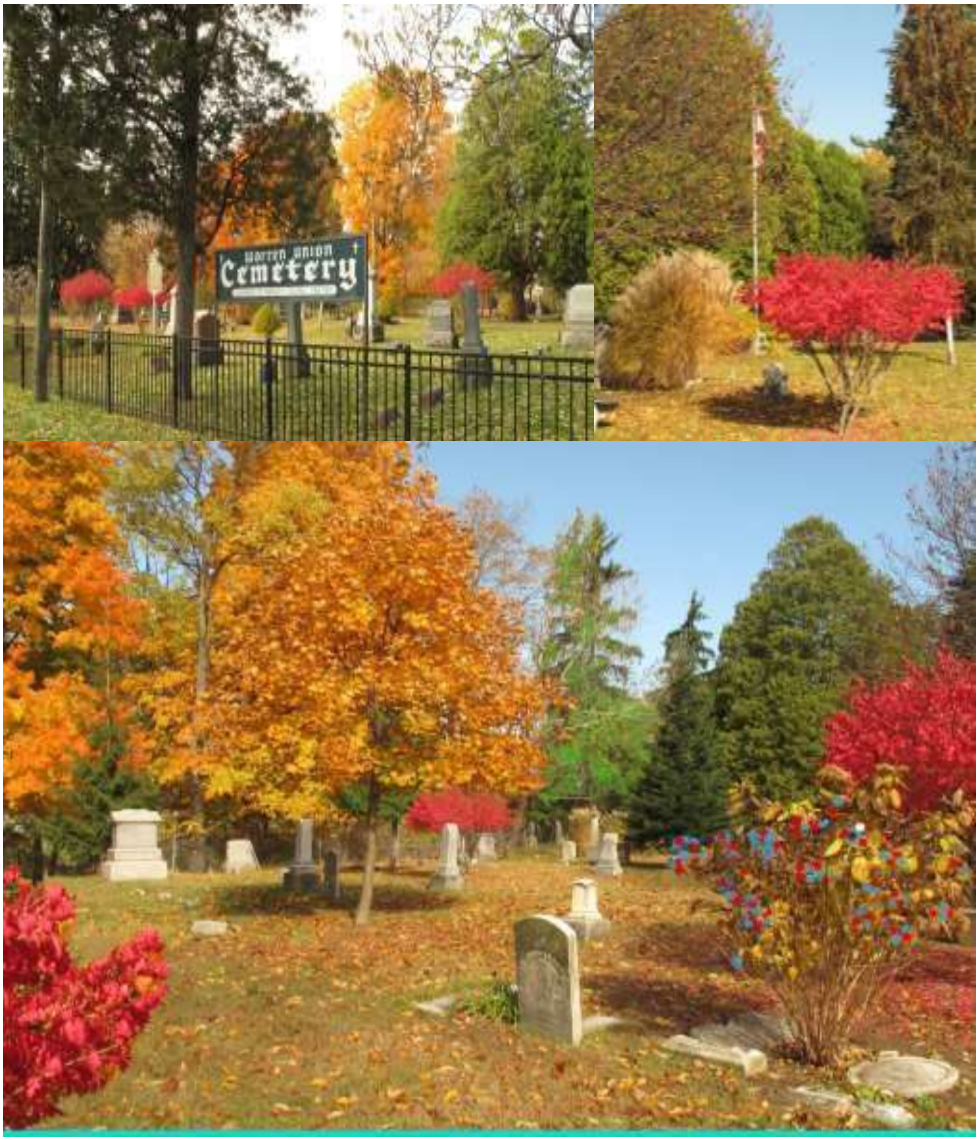
St Paul Church of Christ, who commanded Love One Another and Golden Rule↓



Above Louis barn once a speakeasy along with many others.

The old wood stores and scattered wood houses were gradually replaced with newer brick ones. The rural farms were increasingly subdivided until we have the current urban sprawl crowded houses and stores lining main roads. No pictures needed as we see it every day. Then the super stores arrived the first being A&P, followed by ever bigger big box stores.

Warren Union Cemetery is our oldest historic site.



The Religion of Peace
Peacefully killing 2500 Americans
The Burlington Free Press
Thousands feared dead in terrorist attacks on U.S.
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NEVER FORGET

Many Warren residents have been affected by Muslim terrorist attacks. 49,000 since the several M 9-11 attacks all pre planned to kill as many Americans as possible. Nineteen M terrorists killed pilots and stewardess hijacked four airliners, then flew one into the World Trade Center. the Pentagon, and almost the White house. The innocent children below were massacred at the Boston Marathon. **Dozens of Warren area children narrowly missed being massacred by a M in 2026** obeying the many commands in the Quran to kill non Ms when he **attacked a school**. Dozens more Warren residents just escaped being killed by a M in 2025 Several Warren area women have been killed by them. Many of our young people were injured or died in the resulting war.

Freedom was not free.
Many died to secure your freedoms.

Paul G. Hazen
Center Line
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from
Warren Mich.

Cpl. In Chul
Kim From
Warren, Mich

Spc. James
Lawrence Arnold

Holly Jeanne
McGeogh
Taylor, Mich

Freedom Isn't Free.

Many paid with their lives or fought for yours. Remember them. Help stop censorship. Promote freedom of speech and of media. Keep informed as there are others who want to take away your freedom. Don't allow them to pass laws that limit free speech such as anti hate speech laws. It seems good but is a ruse that allows anti freedom groups to grow. Some countries in Europe made that mistake and speakers have been fined for speaking the truth. See the stories on these and hundreds of our Notables in our Who's Who of Center Line-Warren at website **centerline.pictures**

U.S. Secretary of Defense General James Mattis stated "My men defend Freedom all over the world with a gun. Yet when they come home some politician wants to make them defenseless against thousands of armed jihadi terrorists."

We salute our service members, veterans and first responders.

Old professor Dr Wesley E Arnold historical researcher who interviewed dozens of old timers, descendants of pioneers and collected 26,000 Warren related historical pictures then made them available free to everyone thru books, DVDs for over 60 years and at warrenhistory.com and warrenhistory.fyi

We had several community bands and many school bands.
All gave us very enjoyable times.

We would like to see more flowers at roadsides with no mow grass used all over and more walkable areas, a nice friendly walkable Warren City Center and shopping areas with many little friendly shops and more tree covered park areas all over with less crowding and less cement and kind, friendly, caring, people everywhere. Be Kind Do Good Cause no harm.

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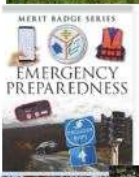

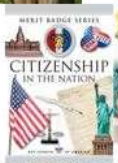

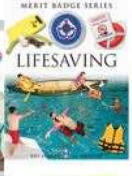

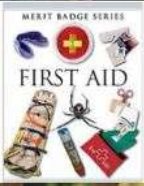

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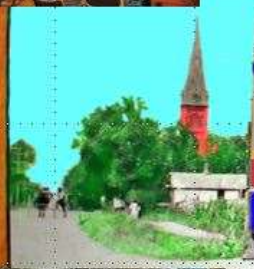

Your next phone will be in your glasses or on your wrist. RFID powder will be put into food, pills, almost, everything making all trackable by Big Brothers.

New RFID powder by a hair. Old RFID bigger on a finger

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